(i) the number of arrack and toddy shops now existing in the State as on the 1st of Meenam 1102;

(ii) the reduction in the number of toddy and arrack shops that are to be made at the beginning of the next year;

(iii) (a) the number of licenses for sale of foreign liquor as on the 1st of Meenam 1102;

(b) and the number that are to be reduced in the coming year;

(iv) the limit of age of persons engaged in the transport or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(v) has the Government prohibited the sale of arrack or toddy to minors;

(vi) has the Government prohibited the sale of arrack to adult women;

(vii) what is the limit of possession of arrack now manufactured or imported into the State?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(i) (a) Number of arrack shops: 241.

(b) Number of toddy shops: 441.

(ii) Eleven arrack shops and twelve toddy shops.

(iii) (a) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 107 of the Vrischigam sitting of the current session.

(b) Cannot be stated now.

(iv) Fourteen years of age. It is proposed to prohibit, from the 1st of Chingam 1103, the sale or transport of liquor by persons below 18 years of age.

(v) Yes.

(vi) Yes.

(vii) The limit of possession of arrack without a license is 6 drams.

The circular regarding appointments of Muhammadans and Ezhuvas in the service.

458. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any orders or instructions have been issued during the year to the Heads of Departments or other officers in the State concerning the appointment of Muhammadans or Ezhuvas in the State service; if so, will the Government kindly place on the table copies of such orders or instructions?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes. The Government have issued certain instructions to the Heads of Departments, concerning the appointment of Ezhuvas in the State service. A copy of these instructions is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

459. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state what induced them to issue the orders or instructions mentioned in 458;

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(b) whether the India Government or the Political Agent had given the Government any advice regarding the issue of orders or instructions mentioned in 458 or regarding the appointment in the service of Muhammadans or Ezhuvas or communities or classes unrepresented or not adequately represented in the service; if so, will the Government kindly inform the Council what advice they have received?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The instructions were issued as a result of the representations made by the Ezhuvas in a Memorial submitted by them to His Highness the Maharaja.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

460. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing:—

(a) the names of the persons who have been entertained in the State service after the issue of the Government Proceedings regarding the appointment of Ezhuvas, Muhammadans, etc., in the State service;

(b) the date of the appointment of each person referred to in (a);

(c) the salary of each person referred to in (a);

(d) the name of the Head of the Department or other officer by whom the appointment was made?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement containing the information so far collected is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

461. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If after the issue of the Proceedings referred to in 460 (a) persons other than Ezhuvas, Muhammadans and others referred to in the Proceedings have been newly entertained in the State service, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why in those cases the spirit of the Proceedings was not acted upon;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ascertain whether suitable candidates would be forthcoming from the communities or classes referred to in the Proceedings;

(c) whether, in respect of any of the appointments referred to above, the Government have resorted to advertisement in order to ascertain whether candidates referred to in (b) will be forthcoming?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The spirit of the Proceedings has been acted upon as far as possible.

(b) Selection from the applications received.

(c) No.

462. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If the Government have not resorted to advertisement referred to in 461 (c), will the Government be pleased to state their reasons for the non-adoption of that course?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Many applications for appointment from candidates of different communities are generally re-

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